

# WFP Ethiopia

## Situation Report #2

05 May 2020



### In Numbers

**145** COVID-19 cases

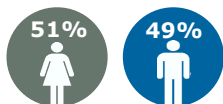
**350,000 mt** of agricultural produce consumed by desert locusts

**220,000** returnees and deportees estimated to arrive in Ethiopia in 2020

### Highlights

- WFP adapted operations to ensure continuity while identifying new COVID-19-related needs.
- The State of Emergency continues with no significant impact on WFP operations.
- WFP continues to work with the Ethiopian Government, providing backstop logistics support at Bole International Airport and for Ethiopian Airlines following the implementation of Solidarity Flights for the COVID-19 response.

**3 million people assisted** in March 2020



**GENDER MARKER 1** ICSF

### WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (May 2020 – Oct 2020)

WFP ISCP including COVID-19 response **USD 156 million**

Logistics Cluster **USD 59.7 million**

### Situation Update

- While COVID-19 infection rates remain low at 145 cases (as of 05 May), food needs will likely increase should the virus spread. Movement restrictions especially in the urban areas continue to affect people livelihood. It is expected that the urban poor and those in informal sectors will face food consumption gaps. The Food Cluster estimates that an additional 9 million people in rural and urban areas will require cash or food transfers as a result of the impact of COVID-19 on food insecurity.
- The locust infestation in Ethiopia is spreading and a second generation of desert locusts has emerged. The Ministry of Agriculture reported that it has consumed over 350,000 mt of agricultural produce across Ethiopia.
- Gu and belg seasonal rains began in much of Ethiopia. Heavy rains fell in eastern parts, with localized flooding reported in southern areas. The rains are expected to continue in the coming weeks.
- A substantial number of domestic migrant workers are also expected to return to their rural areas of origin as job opportunities and income sources in various sectors, such as construction and flower farms, dwindle due to COVID-19 restrictions.

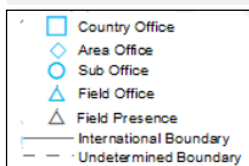
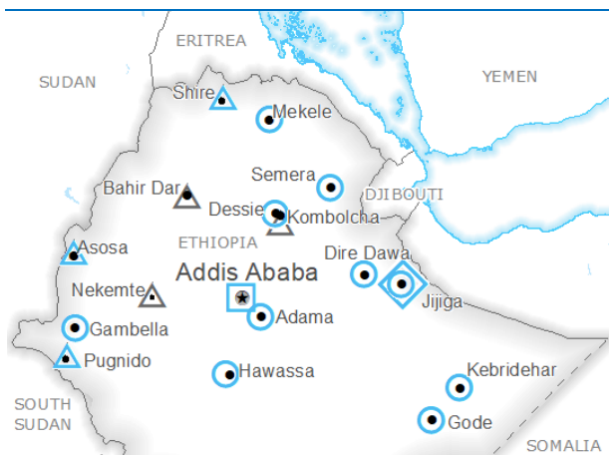


Photo: Handwashing at a food distribution in Somali Region. WFP/Mohammed Farah

## WFP Response

- WFP is implementing a comprehensive two-track approach in light of the escalating COVID-19 emergency, based on two primary objectives: **prioritizing life-saving activities and scaling-up to address rising needs:**

1. **Prioritizing life-saving activities:** WFP continues to provide lifesaving assistance through: (i) relief food assistance for food insecure households including drought and flood-affected people, internally displaced persons and refugees.; and (ii) targeted supplementary feeding to malnourished children under aged 6-59 months and pregnant and nursing mothers.
2. **Scaling-up to address rising needs:** recognizing that a substantial portion of additional food assistance requirements due to the impact of by COVID-19 will be in urban contexts, WFP and partners are exploring the options for cash and food transfers in urban areas, including in Addis Ababa (WFP support is currently in rural areas only).

- WFP corporate guidance on food, cash and nutrition distributions in the context of the COVID-19 response have been circulated to cooperating partners. The Food Cluster led the adaptation of the food distribution guidelines and sensitization messaging, and development of Ethiopia-specific guidance for translation into local languages (e.g. Amharic) so they can be better understood by government officials involved in food distributions.



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP continues to provide assistance to 2 million people in form of food/cash assistance under the Humanitarian Response Plan, including 700,000 refugees, 300,000 malnourished pregnant and nursing women, and children aged 6-59 months. It is provided in Somali Region and East/West Hararghe; 26 refugee camps; and the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition is in Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Somali, Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's Region and Tigray.
- WFP is also providing Fresh Food Vouchers to 100,000 people in Amhara Region, which has the highest rates of stunting in Ethiopia. Over half a million children were reached each month with school meals before the schools closed, and around half a million pastoralists reached via climate-based insurance schemes this year.



### Supply Chain

- WFP continues to work with the Ethiopian Government, providing backstop logistics support at Bole International Airport and for Ethiopian Airlines following the implementation of Solidarity Flights for the COVID-19 response.
- Flights continued from the Addis Ababa Humanitarian Air Hub to destinations across Africa with medical supplies and equipment on behalf of the Jack Ma Foundation and Alibaba Foundation.
- A team of 25 WFP aviation and logistics staff are based at Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa, managing the 24-hour operation.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Cluster

- WFP has been working with the National Disaster Risk Management commission (NDRMC) and the food cluster on an analysis to identify the number of people requiring food assistance due to the impact of COVID-19-related shocks.
- Based on those projections, WFP and the Joint Emergency Operation (JEOP) submitted an indication of areas where food assistance will be provided to support the additional humanitarian needs in the country. The joint submission is under review by the NDRMC.



### Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster will be activated in the coming days, co-led by WFP and the National Disaster Risk Management Commission. An estimated USD 59.7 million is required.

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